

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8319–S8406*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3216–3230, S.J. Res. 29–30, and S. Res. 453–455. **Page S8345**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2342, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8344**

#### Measures Passed:

**Congressional Gold Medal:** Senate passed H.R. 5142, to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport. **Page S8341**

**National Hospice and Palliative Care Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 455, designating November 2021 as “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month”. **Page S8341**

#### Measures Considered:

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S8321–41, S8403**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 472), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S8341**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 18,

2021; and that all time during adjournment, morning business, recess, and Leader time count post-cloture. **Page S8403**

**Nelson Nomination:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S8319–21**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yeas (Vote No. EX. 471), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8321**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022.

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Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps. **Pages S8403–06**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S8343**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S8402–03**

**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S8403

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—472) Pages S8321, S8341

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8403.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information;

S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public;

S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, who was introduced by Senator Luján, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both

of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on United States policy lessons learned, after receiving testimony from Laurel E. Miller, International Crisis Group, and Ryan Crocker, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

### SECURITY, TRADE, AND TRAVEL AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management concluded a hearing to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective, after receiving testimony from Diane J. Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, and Jose M. Jeronimo, Deputy Assistant Director, Public Safety and Border Security Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Stuart Burns, Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical